REMARKS

Claims 1 through 31 and Claims 41 through 50 are now pending in the application. Claims 32 through 40 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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